



WHAT?!!!

YOU.. YOU ARE..!!!



WHOOAAAAA

**YOU ARE THE
MANAGER OF THE
MOBILE DEP-...!!**





..?

PEEK

AH..

T.. THEN
YOU WERE
PATCH'S PARTNER...?
NOW YOU ARE THE
TEAM LEADER?!

QUIET

HMM...
A SUCCESSOR IS
PROBABLY A BETTER
WORD THAN
A PARTNER.





IT WAS
GOOD WHEN HE
WAS AROUND...



HE WASN'T A
PERSON TO GO
DOWN FOR
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.



UH, EXCUSE ME...

...I WAS
CURIOUS
ANYWAYS...

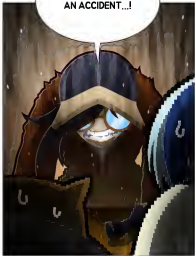
WHY DID HE
MOVE TO THE CLASSIC
GAME DEPARTMENT...?

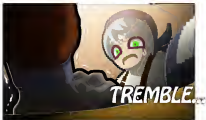


THAT'S...!!



... THAT WAS
AN ACCIDENT ...!





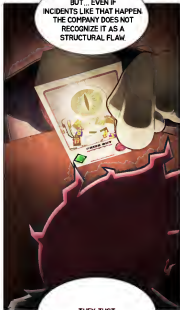




BUT IT WAS JUST
BECAUSE OF THE
BAD SITUATION...
HIS EXECUTION
WAS PERFECT.

THERE PROBABLY
WAS NO ONE WHO
COULD HAVE DONE
IT BETTER...

**BUT... EVEN IF
INCIDENTS LIKE THAT HAPPEN,
THE COMPANY DOES NOT
RECOGNIZE IT AS A
STRUCTURAL FLAW.**



**THEY JUST
NEED A SCAPEGOAT.**

HE TOOK THE
BLAME FOR THE
INCIDENT AND
LEFT.





..PEOPLE USE
A RUDE WORD
'RELEGATION'..





...BUT I DON'T
THINK THAT WAY.

THE CLASSIC
GAME DEPARTMENT IS
FULL OF OPPORTUNITIES.
AS LONG AS I KNOW
PATCH MUST LOOK AT IT
THAT WAY EITHER



AND... HE WILL
RAISE UP THE CLASSIC
GAME DEPARTMENT AGAIN.
HE DOES NOT WORK FOR
HIS GAIN OR INTEREST.



THEN
WHAT DOES HE...?

HMM...HOW, HOW
SHOULD I PUT IT...?
SOMETHING
MORE PURE.

THE PRIDE
AS A GUARDIAN.



...I GUESS
HAHA...



PEOPLE MAY
MOCK HIM BUT...

GULP

A cartoon illustration showing a man with a long, pointed nose and a woman looking at a small, blue, frog-like creature. The man is on the left, and the woman is on the right. The creature is in the center, looking up at them. The background is a simple, light-colored wall.

I HOPE THAT
AT LEAST YOU WILL
TRUST HIM.



...DOESN'T
THIS BAR LOOK
CHEAP?



IT'S OLD...
DIRTY...
THE TEMPERATURE OF
THE ALCOHOL IS WRONG...
AND THERE ARE
MANY FIGHTS...



AND THE FOODS
AREN'T THAT GOOD
EITHER.

SOMEONE
WITH SOME MONEY
WOULD NEVER COME
HERE.

HOHOHOHO

AH, HAH,
IS THAT SO?



BUT THAT IS
WHAT MAKES THIS PLACE
A GOOD BAR.



**THERE IS
NO ONE HERE
IN THE HIGH RANKS.**

**NO ONE NEEDS
TO WATCH OUT FOR
OTHERS WHO CAN
DAMAGE THEM...**

**THIS IS THE
TRUE SHELTER FOR
ORDINARY PEOPLE**



IF A TEAM
LEADER LIKE ME IS
IN A PLACE LIKE THIS,
IT WILL BREAK UP
THE VIBE.





WHY WOULD
IT BREAK UP
THE VIBE?

WHY? I LIKE
DRINKING
TOGETHER!

REPEATING THE
MESSAGE OF THE VIBE
REPEATING THE VIBE
REPEATING THE
MESSAGE

YOU WILL FIND
OUT WHY AFTER YOU
JUST WORK FOR
A YEAR.

SO JUST KEEP
IT A SECRET FOR ME...
HAHA...



IF HE IDENTIFIED
HIMSELF AS A MANAGER
DURING THE FIGHT BEFORE,
IT WOULD HAVE ENDED
EARLIER...



BUT HE DIDN'T
DO THAT EVEN WHEN
HE WAS GETTING BEAT...
WAS IT REALLY BECAUSE
HE THOUGHT THE OTHER
GUARDIANS WOULD FEEL
UNCOMFORTABLE...?

ALSO...
HE SHOULD BE
HAPPY ABOUT PATCH
HAVING LEFT...



BUT IF ANYTHING,
HE IS THE SADDEST
ONE HERE...



.THIS GUY...

GUARDIANS THE VIDEO GAME

STAGE 04 - ONE LAYER OF THE SECRET

BRRRR...

BZZZT...



WHOA---
YOU WERE BEING
SERIOUS THIS
TIME?



!

YOU ARE NOT
THE TYPE OF A PERSON
WHO BURNS OTHERS
ON ACCIDENT,
RIGHT?



HUH—??

BZZZZZZZZZZZZT

YOU MUST NOT KNOW
SINCE YOU ARE A
TOURIST HERE.



BUT RECENTLY DURING
A SHORT TIME FRAME,
THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN
THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO
WENT MISSING IN THIS
NEIGHBORHOOD.

NOT JUST
PEOPLE BUT THE GAME
ITSELF WENT EXTINCT IN
SOME PLACES!



BUT THE
REMAINS WERE VE---RY
SIMILAR AND CLEAN!

LIKE ONE
PERSON DID ALL
OF IT!

GRAB



CRACK





CRACK

DO YOU KNOW
WHY THE LOCALS DON'T
LIKE IT WHEN THERE
ARE A LOT OF
TOURISTS?

IT'S BECAUSE A
TOURIST WHO COMES
ONCE JUST LEAVES THE
NEIGHBORHOOD
DIRTY.



CRRRR...

SHOULD WE TALK
FOR A SEC?



CRRRRRRRRRRRRRR

